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TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

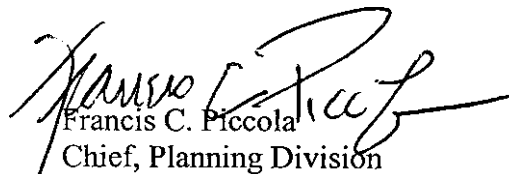
The final Environmental Assessment/Initial Study (EA/IS) for the Sacramento River Bank Protection Project (SRBPP), 13 Erosion Sites, 2008 and 2009, Sacramento, California, is now available for your information. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers proposes to conduct levee work under the SRBPP at 13 sites in Sacramento, Yolo, Glenn, Sutter, and Solano Counties in northern California. Erosion into the banks at these sites requires immediate bank protection work to prevent levee failure.

Of the 13 erosion sites, eight are located along the Sacramento River at River Miles (RM's) 16.8L, 42.7R, 49.7L, 52.3L, 53.5R, 55.2L, 77.2L, and 177.8L. Another site is located along the lower Feather River at RM 28.5R, and two sites are located along the lower American River at RM's 0.3L and 2.8L. The last two sites are located at Steamboat Slough RM 16.6R and Cache Slough RM 21.8R near the Delta. The final EA/IS evaluates the environmental effects of the proposed bank protection work at each of these erosion sites.

This work would be conducted in 2008 and 2009. Overall, the project would consist of (1) reinforcing the bank toe with a total of 8,000 lineal feet of riprap, covering an area of 18.5 acres; (2) placing a mixture of riprap and soil (mixture of sand and silt suitable for plant growth) on upper banks and tops of the lower bank riprap to create riparian benches above the mean summer water elevation, covering a total area of 10.63 acres; and (3) planting the benches and upper banks with vegetation to provide bank stabilization and riparian habitat. In-stream woody material would also be placed along the sites to provide bank protection and aquatic habitat.

Copies of the final EA/IS are on file at the Sacramento Public Library, 828 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814, (916) 264-2920; and the Sacramento District's website: <http://www.spk.usace.army.mil>. The public review period for the draft EA/IS ended on June 9, 2008. All comments received on the draft EA/IS were incorporated into the final document, as appropriate. If you have any questions please contact Mr. Mike Dietl, Fishery Biologist, at (916) 557-6742 or email: Michael.L.Dietl@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,


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